



**EXPEDITED HANDLING PROCEDURE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116
GROUP ART UNIT: 3732**

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Application No.: 10/645,531 Examiner: M. N. Bumgarner
Filing Date: August 22, 2003 Art Unit: 3732
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For: DEVICE FOR CLEANING INTERDENTAL SPACES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed April 4, 2006 in the above application. This response is timely in view of a Petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.116, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that the rejected claims are presented in better form for consideration on appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.116).